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LOK SABHA

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FOREST VILLAGE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the scheme for development of forest villages has made the desired progress;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent thereon, State-wise, UT-wise;

(c) the main features of development in these villages as distinct from other tribal villages;

(d) whether the development of forest villages is monitored from time to time; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the number of forest villages declared revenue villages, State-wise, UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b): The scheme for development of forest villages was launched in 10th Plan during 2005-06 with an objective of raising the Human Development Index (HDI) of the inhabitants, integrated development of forest villages and providing basic facilities and services like health, food, safe drinking water etc. to villagers. There are 2474 forest villages/ habitations in 12 States. Under the scheme the project proposals for meeting out the above objectives covering 2388 forest villages in 11 States have so far been approved and an amount of Rs.45,924.71 lakhs has been released. The scheme is progressing. A statement showing state-wise fund released during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 is enclosed at Annexure-I. There is no Union Territory having the forest villages.

(c): Since the forest villages were deprived of development available in the revenue villages, basic facilities and services like food, safe drinking water, health, infrastructure, vocational training centres etc. are provided under this programme. The main features of development of programme, however, are similar to those available in other tribal villages which are revenue villages.

(d) & (e): Monitoring of development of forest villages is a continuous process. The State level Steering Committees (SLSC) constituted under National Aforestration Programme in the Ministry of Environment and Forests monitors the implementation of the project under this programme. Utilisation of fund is monitored through submission of utilisation certificates.
511 forest villages have been converted into revenue villages and the State-wise details are as below:

S.No.	Name of State	No.of villages converted so far	Approved Area(in ha)
1.	Madhya Pradesh	315	30,113
2.	Gujarat	112	4,238
3.	Maharashtra	73	4,074
4.	Uttarakhand	11	2,561
	Total	511	40,986